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**Marysville City Council Special Meeting
Ken Baxter Senior Community Center**

December 12, 2000

3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Weiser
Councilmembers: Mike Leighan
Shirley Bartholomew
Jim Brennick
NormaJean Dierck
Donna Pedersen
Suzanne Smith
John Soriano

Others: Mary Swenson, Assistant to City Administrator/City Clerk
Grant Weed, City Attorney
Jim Ballew, Parks & Recreation Director
Gloria Hirashima, City Planner
Bob Noack, Interim Finance Director
Robin Nelson, Assistant City Engineer
Mike Robinson, Parks Maintenance Manager
Tara Mizell, Parks Recreation Manager
Randy Brower, Program Engineer – Surface Water
Henry Boyar, Consultant, Boyar and Associates
Collie Hough-Beck, Consultant Hough-Beck & Baird
Lillie Lein, Recording Secretary

Mayor Weiser opened the December 12, 2000 special meeting of the Marysville City Council at 3:30 p.m.

Strawberry Fields Workshop:

Parks and Recreation Manager Jim Ballew provided the background of the acquisition of 71 1/2 acres of property plus a caretaker's residence located on 152nd Street N.E. between Shoultes Road and 67th Avenue.

- 1996 – Bond issue sent to voters. Received 51% approval - 60% approval was required.
- 1999 – Obtained a \$300,000 Paul Allen grant managed by IAC.
- 1999 – NRPA and WPA standards exhibited the needs of the City.
- In the Capital Facilities Plan for 2000-2004, Strawberry Fields remained a high priority.
- Total Land Acquisition Costs: \$511,844
 - Snohomish County Athletic Fund (REET) \$150,000
 - IAC Grant 255,922
 - Net Acquisition Costs to the City 105,922
- 1997 – Resolution No. 1846 was passed by Marysville City Council authorizing formal application to IAC for funding assistance, and providing qualifications for the use of funding if received:
 - Any funding assistance received from this grant to be used for the development of the Strawberry Fields Athletic Park project.

- The City anticipates that its share of project funding will be derived from REET funds as well as community donations.
- The City acknowledged that they must support all non-cash commitments to the local share should they materialize.
- The City acknowledged that any property acquired or facility developed with IAC financial aid be placed in use as an outdoor recreation facility or habitat conservation area and be retained in such use in perpetuity unless otherwise provided and agreed to by the City, IAC and any affected federal agency.

City Planner Gloria Hirashima reviewed the annexation process for this property:

- 1998 – City requested an emergency ordinance to amend the Urban Growth Boundary to include Strawberry Fields in City's UGA. County was very supportive.
- 1998 – Snohomish County acted to include property in Marysville's UGB to allow sewer.
- 1999 – Annexation was completed.

Director Ballew and Assistant City Engineer Robin Nelson reviewed the proposed design:

- Following bond failure, design was revised to reduce costs.
- 1996 – Project was designed.
- 1997 – Regulations changed.
- 1998 – Gibson Traffic Report completed. (If project is scaled down, this will have to be looked at again.)
- Federal nexus determines ESA requirements.
- Project to comply with City's Sensitive Areas Ordinance:
150 ft. buffers will be proposed.

Project to comply with City's grading ordinance.

There are associated traffic mitigation fees.

Water is currently available; sewer is not but could be.

Jack Gossett, Corps of Engineers Project Supervisor, is in favor of permitting the project.

- Wetland study has been completed:
Approximately 5.32 acres of wetlands on-site.
Proposing 150 ft. buffer for entire project

- Consultant Boyar discussed set-backs and noted that the number of detention ponds is based on engineering standards that determine how many detention ponds are required.

Answers to Council's questions:

- CORRECTED MINUTES
 SEE 2-12-01
 s/b From edge of
- There will be one or more (whatever is required) detention ponds.
 - There will be 150 ft. buffers to the stream plus 150 ft. buffers for impervious surfaces.
 - Wetland enhancements are being used outside of wetland buffers.
 - In reference to fields, Parks Maintenance Manager Robinson noted that pesticides are used as a last resort.
 - The County is not interested in putting the Centennial Trail through this property.
 - Lighting from ballfields will not interfere with the airport.
 - The concession area will be in the middle of the tri-plex.
 - With regard to detention ponds, Mr. Nelson said that either in-fill could be brought in or there would be lined tanks. Director Ballew stated that they are trying very hard to construct with natural products.
 - Olympic Gas Pipeline is along the east edge to Timberbrook.
 - IAC Grant is a reimbursement grant.
 - Concern over lost land to buffers. Director Ballew stated that a safe estimate is 10 – 15 acres.
 - Director Ballew discussed conversion of use guides, and noted that the City can change their mind but it does have an impact on future grant awards.
- CORRECTED MINUTES
 SEE 2-12-01
- With regard to coordinating the removal of overhead PUD lines, it was noted that this is not necessary at this time. It was also noted that the cost is about \$75 per pole removal.
 - When asked if this was still a \$6 million dollar project, Director Ballew responded that it was now much smaller.
 - In response to whether consideration has been made to combine ballfields with educational projects, Director Ballew said that this has been done from day one.

Mayor Weiser introduced Janet Carroll from Snohomish County. Councilmember Dierck inquired about Ms. Carroll's letter to the Council. Ms. Carroll said the County wanted to know if there was any interest by the City to sell the property.

Councilmember Smith noted that this property offers good opportunities for habitat study, trails, and interpreted study. Director Ballew agreed noting that it is important to work with the County.

Councilmember Pedersen stated that she loved the concept of the community being able to play ball on these fields.

Councilmember Dierck expressed concern over maintenance, possible flooding, and detention ponds.

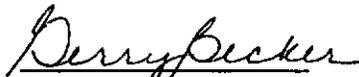
Ms. Carroll noted that the problem with lined detention ponds is that they fill with groundwater. Councilmember Leighan asked if the City was addressing this problem, and Mr. Nelson assured him that it is, and noted that there are methods that can be implemented. He added that infiltration is the least expensive. Ms. Carroll added that the County did do a habitat study, and those results are available.

At 5:20 p.m., the City Council adjourned into Executive Session. They reconvened and adjourned at 6:15 p.m. with no action taken.

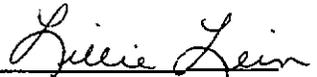
Accepted this 12th day of February, 2001.



Mayor



Interim City Clerk



Recording Secretary